FIG. 3, it is also contemplated that the arrangement of the cutters **238** along the cutting die **218** are not necessarily aligned, and, in fact, are preferably angularly spaced to provide further uniform loading of the cutting die **218** during operation of die assembly **210**.

[**0039**] Referring to **FIG. 7**, which is a label embodiment otherwise similar to **FIG. 6**, label **120** may also be configured to include a foil strip **138** having unique holographic markings or other types of desired markings.

[**0040**] It is also understood that while a single embodiment identifying a particular material, material thickness and microperforation or extended tie has been discussed, any number of combinations of materials, range of material thicknesses and perforations may be employed that could produce spines that may be similarly removable. This includes the possibility that the label material may be of non-uniform thickness or multiple thicknesses, which may or may not affect the configuration of a compatible perforation. A label having multiple thicknesses includes, but is not limited to, any combination of the spine, segments and the perforations having different thicknesses. It is further understood that in addition to microperforations being of non-uniform spacing, it is also contemplated that the microperforations may be in combination with partial crushing or compressing the label material, or exposure to heat, such as laser die cutting, or other localized treatment along the microperforations or that the slits may not be oriented in-line with the general direction of the microperforation. Additionally, it is understood that the cutting die includes magnetic dies having interchangeable formed sheets formed about the periphery of the magnetic die, and that the cutting die is not required to be cylindrical. It is also understood that the slits may include cutout regions. In other words, label material may be removed from the label to form cutout regions along the microperforation, and that the resulting geometry of the cutout regions could resemble any geometric shape.

[**0041**] While the invention has been described with reference to a preferred embodiment, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes may be made and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof without departing from the scope of the invention. In addition, many modifications may be made to adapt a particular situation or material to the teachings of the invention without departing from the essential scope thereof. Therefore, it is intended that the invention not be limited to the particular embodiment disclosed as the best mode contemplated for carrying out this invention, but that the invention will include all embodiments falling within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A removable label for a container comprising:

a spine;

at least one segment disposed adjacent to the spine, the at least one segment being detachably connected to the spine along a predetermined path;

wherein upon the installation of the label on a container, the detachment of the at least one segment from the spine along the predetermined path permits a container to be adjusted between an open position and a closed position.

2. The removable label of claim 1 wherein the spine and at least one segment are polyethylene.

3. The removable label of claim 2 wherein the polyethylene material is 0.0034 inch thick.

4. The removable label of claim 1 wherein the predetermined path is defined by at least one perforation formed in the label.

5. The removable label of claim 1 wherein the spine has at least one extending portion.

6. The removable label of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of an edge of the at least one segment is nonlinear.

7. The removable label of claim 1 wherein the spine and the at least one segment each have a preselected thickness used in combination with at least one perforation formed along the predetermined path to permit detachment of the at least one segment from the spine.

8. The removable label of claim 7 wherein the preselected thickness of the spine and the at least one segment are not equal.

9. The removable label of claim 4 wherein at least a portion of the at least one perforation is of uniform length.

10. The removable label of claim 4 wherein the at least one perforation has a length of about 0.034 inches.

11. The removable label of claim 4 wherein the predetermined path is defined by at least one tie formed in the label, the at least one tie has a length of about 0.008 inches.

12. The removable label of claim 5 wherein removing the spine plastically distorts at least a portion of the at least one segment affixed to the container.

13. A removable label comprising:

a label including at least two segments having opposed first and second surfaces wherein an adhesive is applied to at least a portion of the first surface to adhere the label to a container having a lid and a body, the lid being movable with respect to the body to an open position and a closed position, wherein moving the lid to an open position permits access to an item enclosed within the container, the label preventing the lid from being movable to an open position;

wherein upon removal of at least one segment of the at least two segments along a predetermined path formed in the label, the lid is movable to the open position.

14. The removable label of claim 13 wherein the spine and the at least one segment each have a preselected thickness used in combination with at least one perforation formed along the predetermined path to permit detachment of the at least one segment from the spine.

15. The removable label of claim 13 wherein the thickness of the spine and the at least one segment are not equal.

16. The removable label of claim 13 wherein the container is a CD jewel box.

17. The removable label of claim 13 wherein the container is a DVD container.

18. The removable label of claim 13 wherein the predetermined path is defined by at least one perforation formed in the label.

19. The removable label of claim 13 wherein the at least one removable segment has at least one extending portion.

20. The removable label of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of outermost edges of the at least two segments is nonlinear.

21. The removable label of claim 18 wherein at least a portion of the at least one perforation is of uniform length.